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COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

To the extent that the Reasons for Allowance suggest or state that certain limitations or combinations not found in the prior art are present in each and every claim whether or not specific language to that effect is found in every claim, the Applicant notes that the "record as a whole" must be considered as a supplement to the Examiner's stated Reasons for Allowance, and, to the extent that it is clear and complete, it shall control the interpretation of any and all claims.

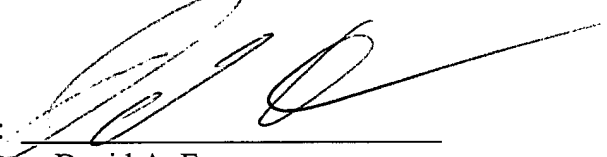
More specifically, the Examiner's statement of reasons implies that all claims require features found in the specification only or in the dependent claims only are a part of the broader independent claims, when in fact the record clearly reflects that the

broader claims are not so limited. For example, claims 1, 8, 16, 20 and 24 do not recite "directory assistance."

Thus, Applicant reaffirms that the claim language as presented controls the scope of the claims, viewed in light of the record as a whole. To the extent that the Reasons for Allowance are contradictory to the express language of the claims, Applicant refutes such an interpretation of the claims.

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